IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No: 20758 of 2004

Between:

1 Beeroli Subbaiah, S/o. Nadipi Subbanna,
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
2 Salvari Venkatanna, S/o. Narsimhudu,
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
3 Nandi Bala Pullaiah, S/o. Nandi Venkatanna,
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
4 Barakam Nadipi Madanna, S/o. Ndipi Gorantla,
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
5 Barakam Naga Raju, S/o. Chinna Gorantla,
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
6 Gouri Narayana, S/o. Chinna Chennaiah,
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
7 Mettupalle Chennaiah, S/o. Balavenkata,
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
8 Jagadurthi Lakshmanna, S/o. Budda Kesanna.
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
9 G. Thiripalu, S/o. Thiripalu,
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
10 G. Bijjanna, S/o. Thiripalu,
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
11 Meduthuri Bala Pullaiah, S/o. Venkata Swamy,
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
12 Bhaskara Pullaiah, S/o. Gurumurthy.
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
13 K. Venkata Krishna, S/o. Pullanna,
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.
14 Thoka Kambagiri, S/o. Singaraiah,
R/o. Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District.

.... PETITIONERS

AND

1 The Superintending Engineer, A.P. Transco, Kurnool, Kurnool District.
2 The Assistant Divisional Engineer, Electricity, A.P. Transco, Dhone, Kurnool District.
3 The Assistant Electrical Engineer, A.P. Transco, Bethamcherla, Kurnool District.

...RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue a Writ order or direction more one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the action of the respondents in proposing to convert the power supply to the industrial units of the petitioners to that of agricultural lines to reduce the hours of power supply to the units as illegal, arbitrary unjust, discriminatory and the same is violative of principles of natural justice and consequently direct the respondents to continue the electricity power supply to the petitioners Slab Polishing units situated at Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District uninterruptedly as is done at present.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.M.SUBBA REDDY

Counsel for the Respondents: SMT.M.VINOBHA DEVI

The Court made the following:

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ORDER : -

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The petitioners claim to have established slab polishing units at Gorlagutta village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District, by raising loans from various financing agencies. All of them are provided with the electricity supply. According to them, the present supply is almost uninterrupted, and they complain that the respondents are taking steps to separate the feeder lines for their services, and to connect them to the lines, through which power is supplied to agricultural connections. They contend that if the same is done, they would be receiving the supply only for seven hours a day, and it would be difficult to run the industries.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners. Learned Standing Counsel obtained instructions from the respondents and made submissions on that basis.

3. The limited grievance of the petitioners is about the alleged action of the respondents in proposing to alter the nature of supply. They contend that the respondents are trying to connect the services of the petitioners to the lines, through which supply is being extended to agricultural pump sets.

4. Learned Standing counsel for the respondents, on instructions, submits that, there is no such proposal, and on the other hand, the effort of the respondents is to supply power to industrial units for as much time as possible. She also contends that most of the petitioners are in arrears of power bills and the power supply to such units is already been snapped.

5. In view of the undertaking given by the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents, the writ petition is disposed of directing that the respondents shall continue the same category of supply, in terms of duration as well as voltage to the petitioners, subject to their payment of consumption charges regularly. There shall, however, be no order as to costs.

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L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J

Dated : 06th December, 2004

Note: - Issue C.C in three days

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1 The Superintending Engineer, A.P. Transco, Kurnool, Kurnool District.
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